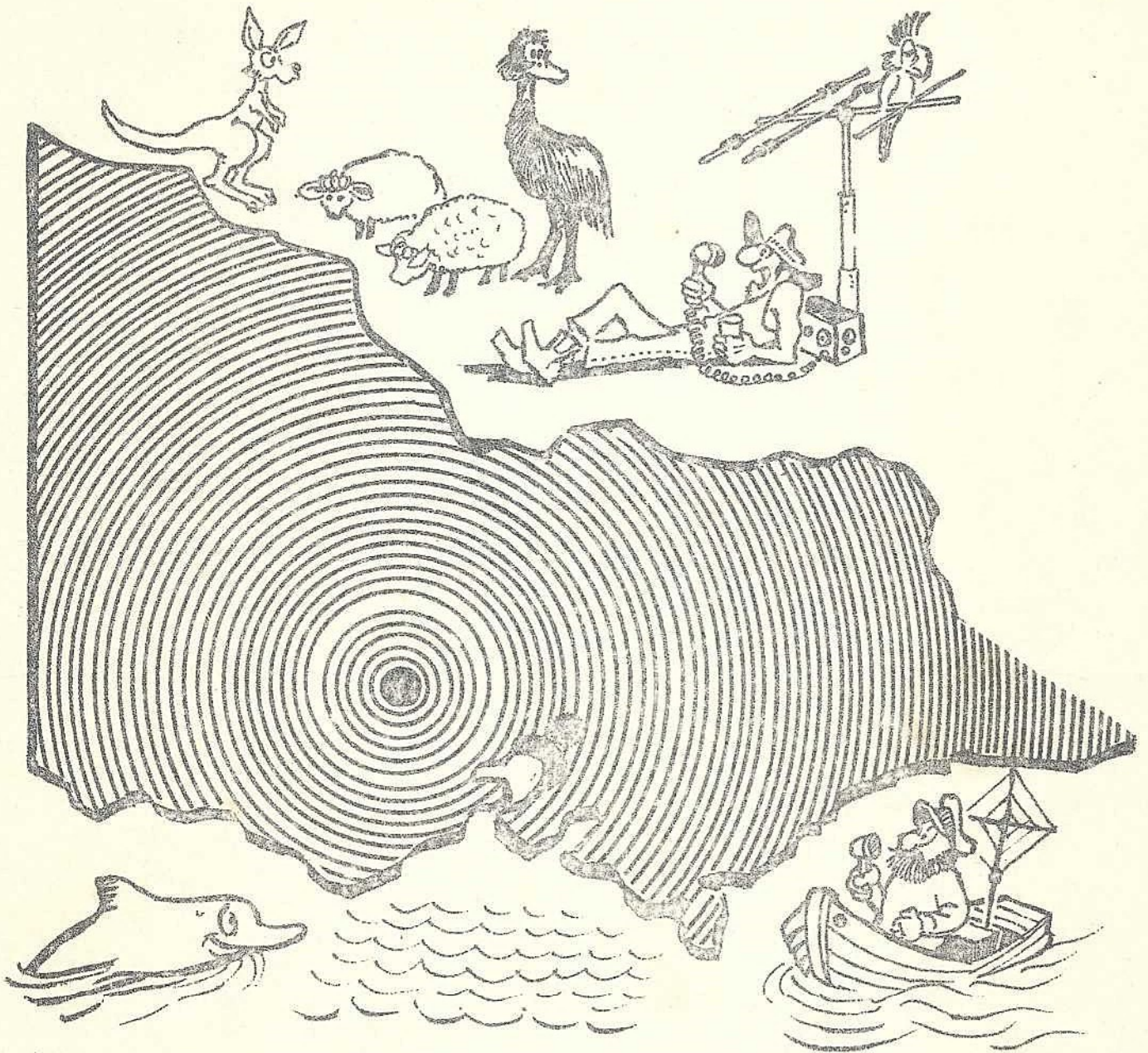


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BARG NEWS



**Monthly Newsletter of the
Ballarat Amateur Radio Group**

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Editorial ?

Well, well some two or more years have passed since I've had the pleasure of typing for the magazine. Since then radio has passed into the 80's (not the valve type either), with a decade or two of quite rapid change upon it. What truth in the whisper that a word processor has (is will be) talking to you through this media.

If communications our game please take advantage of the magazine to facilitate same. Lots of exciting things are to be seen and done by many people who have the time, energy and skill or interest - so don't keep it all to yourself others (somewhere, someone) are interested. Drop them a line via this (your) newsletter and if possible arrange a "show and tell" at the next meeting.

Novice Course.

The course is progressing well. Several of the group have asked me to thank the instructors for their time and effort it is very much appreciated and I accept their comments on behalf of the entire class.

I have been asked to place the idea of the production of a series of tapes of the morse practice (VK5) for those students who have no Rx. If you support the idea give your support and effort during discussion at the next meeting. (or send a tape to the class.)

Novice type revision nights! A suggestion that extra hams could make light work in the form of smaller "study groups"?

Advertise! Advertise!

Buy sell or swap. I could use a circuit for my rather soggy ARB Rx and a BC 221 frequency meter that I wish to f.e.t..

Drop an add today, via Kevin at the Regent Theatre or via a stamp to me or by hand at the meeting.

Sundays

Off to a good start for the year. If you have any ideas etc. that you feel of interest to the club make sure there brought to attention on these Sundays. The next committee meeting is to be held on the 24th at the Ed. Centre. If this newsletter arrives too late for you or your ideas to make it - keep the idea in mind and consider the possibility of using the meetings as an intitial talking place.

There are people trying to arrange light entertainment to follow the formal body of the meetings. If you have ideas suggest them - better still start a project today and bring it along. (don't panic if its incomplete the interest will be there.)

Structure.

There is no formal structure or general ideas for the layout or content of this newsletter. If there is any idea at all it is to facilitate COMMUNICATION between people interested in radio type activities. Give me some ideas directly if you wish (again you can leave material at the REgent theatre addressed to Kevin Hughes) my address is -

Clem Jarvis VK3YDI/NGL
210 Hamffray St. North,
BALLARAT. 3350.

Ph. 314179.

New Ideas.

Perhaps you would like info, equipment or the knowledge or experience of someone interested in the project or study you are involved with....there is no reason to sufferalone in the shack at night....worrying that your problem is unique. Take advantage of our personal add. service. Write today righttomorrow.

Minutes of BARG Meeting, July 6th 1980

Meeting opened at 9.37am.

President Dick 3VU, welcomed the attending members and introduced several newcomers and visitors, among them 3VQA, 3VSE Dick, 3VQQ Craig and Ray Johnson.

Meeting was attended by approximately 25 people. Brian Stares ZBS sent apologies.

Due to the changeover in office holders, the old "set" not being present, there were no minutes of the previous meeting and, therefore, no business arising therefrom.

The only correspondence received was a renewal notice from the Education Centre for the hire of the premises, amounting to \$15. Moved by Clarry 3VEZ and seconded by Dick 3VSE that this account be paid forthwith.

Treasurer's report was read by Keith 3NWN and it appeared that the BARG finances were looking quite healthy, with the final balance standing at \$1183.96.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Cr. Balance B/fwd	\$512.18	Ballarat Motel - Accomodation 1979	19.80
Sale of Tower	130.00	M. Batt - Qsl Expenses	52.30
Donations - Welcome		Petty Cash	50.00
Stranger Group	111.16	S. Widgery - Repeater Inst.	60.85
Member Subscriptions	120.00	Daylesford Newsagency	19.04
Sundry Receipts from		Cr. Balance	1183.96
1979/80	46.27		
Novice Course Receipts	450.00		
Bank Interest	16.34		
TOTAL	\$1385.95	TOTAL	\$1385.95

Reconciliation

Cr. Balance on Bank Statement	\$1265.96
Less unrepresented cheque	82.00
Actual Credit Balance	\$1183.96

Moved by Yvonne 3VON, seconded by Leo 3ADT the report was accepted.

Maurie Batt reported that E. Trebilcock was relinquishing his long held position as incoming QSL manager for the VK3 area and that the interim period my provide some delays for cards. He also reported that the ordered Call books were on the way.

Clarry 3VEZ gave a brief report on the status of the publicity for the group and invited suggestions for possible venues of additional promotion of the Club's activities.

Brief mention was made that the meeting time of the group was stated as 9am (wrongly) by the Education Centre publications and steps will be taken to rectify the matter.

In the absence of Bob 3BNC, it was mentioned that the novice course had finally been settled and that about 25 people were taking part and "doing well". Lets hope they all make it.

The full-call course was being held back until after the August exams, to be convened at that time to a time mutually agreeable.

Technical officer was currently "otherwise engaged" and not in attendance, but it was reported that there was some difficulty with the repeater and the beacon. Dick 3VSE was looking after the Xtal oven for the receiver.

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The problems in all cases are well in hand and will be taken care of as soon as can be managed.

Clem 3YDI reported that the next newsletter (remember?) was to be published by the middle of the month, all going well. Some problems with advertising and additional needed articles etc., were also mentioned. Members who have special interest areas which could be of use to other amateurs were invited to submit written articles for publication.

Leo 3ADT reported that the 10/10 award program was proceeding quite successfully and that members were being recorded from every part of the globe, including one Russian who seems to be the only 10/10 in his country. Maurie stated that the Begonia awards were held up because of difficulties with the printers.

General Business - President Dick, mentioned the groups successful participation in covering the recent walkathon and a letter from the Shire regarding a "fun-day Sunday" and possible involvement in such an event. Details yet to be discussed. Also this raised the matter of social activities for the radio group during the coming year and suggestions were invited for those. Mention was also made of the Club's tape and book library for the use of members at the Education Centre and members were asked to consider further tape and book contributions.

After briefly mentioning field day activities, the meeting CLOSED at 10.30 am - a new record.

Pie in Sky?

For a number of years our club has borrowed antennas from various members for field days and other functions held in Ballarat.

To all members your club is sincerely grateful.

With the increasing numbers in our group it is now felt it would be beneficial if we had our own antennas, as this would help in organizing any event knowing what equipment is available.

If you have surplus H.F. or V.H.F. antennas or telescopic poles for which you have no further use, supply the details and prices to the club or a committee member by or at our next meetings.

G. Fowler

Committee Member

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Like to have A35 (Tonga) confirmed for your DXCC ??????

Listen around for Dick VK3VU/A35. He will be operating on 28.595 + or - MHz, AUGUST 30 -31 '80 at 0000Z and would be pleased to hear your call.

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Maurie Batt
R.S.D. Rokewood Junction
Victoria 3351. Aust..

OR

B.A.R.G.
P.O.Box 216E
Ballarat East. 3350
Victoria. Aust..

Welcome Stranger

TEN TEN CHAPTER

*Prerequisite :Member of 10-10 International. 10 Meter Contacts ONLY.

Basic Award, Requires 10 points. COST \$2:00 Airmail.

Applications:

Geoff Smith VK3NLZ
829 Laurie St.,
Mt. Pleasant 3350
Victoria. Aust..

OR

P.O. Box 247E.
Ballarat East 3350
Victoria. Aust..

Sovereign Hill

AWARD

Contact with 5 Sovereign Hill members: including one "local" identified by the letter "s" following the number; stations outside Ballarat have either the "A" or "G" suffix on their number.

Applications:

Yvonne Slade VK3VON
P.O. Box 68
Ballarat, 3350
Victoria. Aust..

OR

P.O. Box 247E
Ballarat East 3350.
Victoria. Aust..

COST \$2:00 Airmail.

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THE ANNUAL WESTERN ZONE CONVENTION

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25th. - 26th. OCTOBER, 1980

THE LOCATION - "KANGAROOBIE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE FARM", PRINCETOWN, on the old Ocean Road, approx. 3km east of Princetown.

SATURDAY, 25th. OCTOBER. 'Talk In' on 2 metres Channel 7, and 80 metres 3585 approx. Registrations, afternoon tea, dinner and entertainment to follow.

SUNDAY, 26th. OCTOBER. 'Talk In' facilities will be manned continuously until lunchtime. Trade Displays throughout the day.

* Trading Table for used equipment (for that preloved gear) throughout the day.
* There will be a comprehensive range of competitions for all during the day.

40/10 metre scramble; 2 metres FM and SSB scramble; 2 metre sniffer hunts;
80/10 metre transmitter hunts; 2 metre hidden transmitter hunts.

* Sunday lunch will be in the form of a barbecue.
* Sunday tea will be provided for those wishing to stay.

* Accommodation is available at the convention centre - bunk style beds with approx. 8-10 bunks per room. Own sheets, pillow slip and towels will be required.

* Motel accommodation is available at nearby Port Campbell and also at Simpson for those wanting individual accommodation. There is a caravan park at Port Campbell.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME Call Sign
Street/Road Town/Suburb
Post Code Telephone No. Area Code

Please indicate in the appropriate space your booking requirements (with a tick); the number of people attending (in the box provided); and also include full amount with your application form. If you have any special queries regarding accommodation please include a note with your registration form.

- | | No of persons |
|--|--------------------------|
| \$30 _____ Registration for whole weekend including meals & accommodation at Centre from Saturday afternoon - Sunday night tea | ☐ |
| \$12 _____ Registration and Saturday dinner (including afternoon tea) | ☐ |
| \$15 _____ Registration and Sunday lunch & tea (including free bus trip & afternoon tea) | ☐ |
| \$10 _____ Accommodation Sunday night and Monday breakfast | ☐ |
| \$10 _____ Motel booking fee is required (Please indicate type of accommodation - single, double, etc.) | ☐ |
| \$20 _____ Children whole weekend | ☐ |

Please send self stamped addressed envelope and stamped to:

Mr. K.J. Reid,
166 Turrong Road,
COORLE MUNGLE,
Via Timboon, 3268.